

**SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS**

**The Weather.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Virginia—Rain Friday; increasing north wind; Saturday fair.  
North Carolina—Rain Friday, brisk to high northeast winds; Saturday fair.

Richmond's weather yesterday was moderate in temperature and threatening rain.

**RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.**

9 A. M.	52
12 M.	56
3 P. M.	67
6 P. M.	67
9 P. M.	67
12 midnight	67
Average	60

Highest temperature yesterday..... 68  
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 49  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 54  
Normal temperature for November..... 59  
Departure from normal temperature..... -5  
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .1

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.** 1904.

Sun rises..... 6:39	HIGH TIDE.....
Sun sets..... 5:50	Morning..... 1:25
Moon rises..... 2:23	Evening..... 1:19

**Richmond.**  
City Democratic Committee completes arrangements for speaking at Old Market Hall to-night and at the Academy of Music to-morrow night—Coroner's jury, holding an inquest as to the killing Sunday night of Mr. James Calder, reaches the verdict that his fatal injury was received in being struck by a street car at the Westhampton place—Northern visitors here and other places in the South reverse their opinions regarding the negro and now are puzzled to know what can be done with him—To-night the football team of the University and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute arrive at the city—The game to-morrow afternoon—Mr. William Rueger buys fine horse—Light Committee ratifies subcommittee in recommending the award of the contract to Stuck & Company for the erection of the West End gas holder—Changes made in constitution of Police Board—Police Board of Directors chosen—MANCHESTER—Committee meetings last night—Complaint of overcharging against city scavengers—Fire plot at a woman—Highway robbery in Swansboro.

## PORT ARTHUR SEEMS AT THE MERCY OF JAPS AFTER SEVERE FIGHTING

Associated Press Correspondent Broke the News.

### EXPECTED TO ENTER EAST FORTS SOON

Last Assault Gains for Japanese Positions Which Will be Used.

### VICEROY'S DREAM PROBABLY ENDED

Has Often Declared That Port Arthur Is an Unconquerable City—The Situation Now Seems to be Clearly in the Hands of the Japs.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHIEF FOON, Nov. 3.—(A. P. M.)—Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated Press has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

The last assault has gained for the positions which insure their ability to enter the main east forts whenever they are ready.

The Japanese calculate that if the Russians do not surrender now, they will be capable of prolonging the fighting by making their final stand at Last Promontory and Tiger's Tail, for a month longer, with the mere hope of continuing the struggle.

Long before the second Pacific squadron arrive in the Pacific, the Japanese flag it is now believed, will have over the wrecked citadel.

This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city. The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the east hill, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

When the Japanese occupy the eastern ridge of the forts, they will completely dominate the other Russian forts with their artillery.

### ADVANCE ON PORT ARTHUR.

Vivid Description of the Desperate Campaign of the Brave Japanese.

(By Associated Press.)  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, IN FRONT OF PORT ARTHUR, November 2, by way of Chefoo, censored.—When the Japanese drove the Russians from their strong position on the last range of hills in front of the fortress by a surprise attack July 20th, the Russians retired to the forts, but they also strongly held previously prepared advance lines to prevent the Japanese from closing in upon the fortified ridge. Taku and Shinku Mountains were first taken by the Japanese, but an attempt August 14th to capture another Russian position failed. It was announced at the Japanese headquarters on the 15th that the siege guns would be in position and ready to begin a bombardment. The Associated Press received word that the Japanese were in position and ready to begin a bombardment. The Associated Press received word that the Japanese were in position and ready to begin a bombardment.

**Warm Weather Conditions.**  
The wet weather had fermented the rice and produced much beriberi among the troops.

### VIRGINIAN AMONG THE VICTIMS

Louis J. Crump, of Newport News, Killed in Fore River Disaster.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOSTON, MASS., November 3.—One of the two men who were crushed to death last night by the falling of a steel Standard Oil barge at the Fore River Shipbuilding Works proves to be Louis J. Crump, aged thirty-four, of Newport News, Va. He leaves a mother and sister who were dependent upon him. Having at No. 118 Thirtieth Street, New York, twenty months ago from the New York Shipbuilding Company, at Camden, N. J., and was a splendid type of workman, strong and muscular, and well liked. He was a member of King David Lodge, L. O. O. F., of Camden, N. J.

**Condition of Dr. Lefew.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Nov. 3.—Dr. Frederick Lefew is resting somewhat easier tonight. Physicians differ in opinion as to his condition. Some say he is very much worse and others that he is improving.



## SITUATION VIEWED WITH HOPE.

### Judge Parker Moves in a Blaze of Glory

### ACCORDED FROM GREAT RECEPTIONS

Speaks at Hartford, New Haven and Two Other Connecticut Cities—Renews His Biting Attack on Cortelyou and the Administration.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARTFORD, CONN., November 3.—This city became wildly enthusiastic over Judge Parker at a monster rally held in the Opera House to-night. Democrats from all parts of the State came here and the accommodations for the audience were entirely inadequate. The crowd proved to be the most demonstrative of any he had faced during the day. The ovation lasted eighteen minutes, most of the audience being on their feet shouting wildly, while hundreds of them waved flags.

Four enthusiastic audiences greeted Judge Parker to-day on his only visit to the State in the campaign, and in several other parts through which his special train passed he was given rousing impromptu welcome. The principal speech of the trip was made in this city to-night. The other receptions were held in Bridgeport, New Haven and Meriden, where an address was made from the rear of the train. This speech dealt with the question of trusts, and the candidate attempted to refute the charge that the Standard Oil Company is the financial sponsor of the Democratic party, and charged that the company's interest are against the Republic.

The meeting in this city was one of the greatest of the campaign in this State. Judge Parker was given a warm welcome from the moment he reached the city. All entrances were blocked by the time the candidate was driven to the Opera House, and admittance was obtained with the greatest difficulty. Judge Parker held informal receptions after each of his meetings, and shook hands during the day and evening with several thousand people.

**Going to New York.**  
He remained over-night in Hartford, and will start on his return trip to New York to-morrow morning. Judge Parker, in his speech, referred to the shipping question as follows:

"The time has again come when we need ships of our own, but they should be built, not at the cost of the government, but from taxes drawn from all the people, but as a result of the enterprise of our people. They should be designed and constructed by the ingenuity of our engineers, operated by our seamen and owned by our people. Every landing place among these limitless coasts of ours ought to be a nursery, however rude, for the sailor. Our products sent to other countries should be carried in American bottoms, and that almost infinite demand for our people for the products of other countries should enable us to bring them everything that their material comfort, education and progress makes it necessary or desirable for them to use."

**Tariff Question.**  
Judge Parker commended international arbitration, but thought our best assurance for peace would be to maintain such an army as is actually needed. He then took up the tariff question, reviewing the development of a high protective tariff, which, he said, compelled us to pay more for things we buy than we otherwise would. He concluded:

"If a collector from the steel trust should ask you to contribute a dollar a year for each member of your family, would you do it? You cannot think of any argument that could persuade you to. Yet the celebrated statistician, Edward Yarkinson, asserts that the steel interests control an average of one dollar a year for each person, with the aid of the tariff statute."

**Unjust Discrimination.**  
"Precisely that result is accomplished in so many articles by our present tariff."

## THE CENTRAL MONTAGUE IS BURNED ON ISSUES

This Well Known Hotel at Tazewell Destroyed by Fire in the Night.

### NARROW ESCAPE OF GUESTS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
TAEWELL, VA., Nov. 3.—A disastrous fire here last night destroyed the Central Hotel, one of the oldest hotels in the Southwest and did damage to adjacent buildings and nearby stores to the extent of about \$15,000, with about half that amount of insurance.

Three men were slightly injured by trunks and other household goods being thrown from the burning building. Mr. W. P. Huffman was the worst injured, having his left ankle sprained and bruised. Mr. Lee Harry and Mr. Stroll, of Saltville, were injured about the head and body by falling glass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman, formerly of Richmond, occupied rooms in the hotel and were probably the heaviest losses of household goods. Mrs. Freeman lost all her clothing except what she wore in her hasty exit from the burning building, and was forced to borrow clothing from friends.

A number of other guests lost heavily and was forced to borrow clothing in money and clothes.

The proprietor, Mr. W. D. F. White, lost practically all his household goods, a fine silverware, which had been recently given him as a bridal present.

The next heaviest loser was H. W. Pobel, who has a large confectionery and jewelry store adjoining the hotel. Hankling & Son lost heavily by having goods damaged in moving from the building. The large plate glass windows in a number of adjoining buildings were cracked by explosion caused by the bursting of a large water tank in the kitchen of the hotel.

Possibly the most sensational episode was that of all of the prisoners in the county jail, which was only a short distance from the hotel, being turned loose. One of the prisoners, Thomas Leddy, indicted for killing a man, made a hero of himself by climbing on top of the jail and hanging to save it from the flames.

### OFFICERS WERE REMISS IN DUTY

Findings of Court Martial in Case of Killing of North Carolina Soldiers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 3.—The findings of the Court of Inquiry to investigate and report on the circumstances attending the death of the two enlisted men of Company A, Third North Carolina Regiment, and the injury of two others, the same company, all from Durham, on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, August 8th, by being struck by an overhead bridge, while riding on top of a passenger coach, has been made public, and is to the effect that the colonel of the Third Infantry, all regimental officers, and the serious injury of Quartermaster S. F. Chase and Corporal W. P. McDade, all of Company A, Third Regiment, Durham, occurred near Goldsboro, while the several companies of the North Carolina National Guard were returning on special train from the annual encampment held at Raleigh, Colonel John C. Michie, chief of engineers, Durham, was president.

## VIRGINIA'S GREATEST MURDER TRIAL NOW ABOUT TO CLOSE.

Uncertainty in Decision of the McCue Jury.

### GENERAL BELIEF IN GUILT OF ACCUSED

The Interest Interle and People Come Long Ways to be Present.

### ABLE SPEECHES FOR THE OPPOSING SIDES

Captain R. S. Ker Occupies the Morning Session for the Prosecution and J. Tinsley Coleman Speaks Through the Afternoon and Night Sessions.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., November 3.—As the trial of McCue, the ex-Mayor and alleged murderer, drags slowly to its close, public interest grows deeper and broader, every eye is fastened upon the musty little courthouse in which the famous case daily pushes nearer the end, and every outside consideration, almost every thought, is swept away and lost in a perfect sea of speculation that claims the mind of all men here to the exclusion of anything else.

In many respects the sight is a remarkable one; in all respects it is impressive and noteworthy. Before the bar of justice stands a man prominent in the life of the community. A crime heinous and awful has been committed, and he is charged with it.

Almost universally in Albemarle this man is believed to be guilty and almost unanimous is the cry for his life in return for that of his dead wife. Within twenty-four hours the beginning of the end will be at hand. By the time another sun sets the record-making argument will be through, and the jury will take the case.

### The Jury Inscrutable.

Twelve men for two days have sat stolidly and without sign or movement have heard speech after speech. With them lies the power of life and death. What will they do? In their breasts is locked the secret of the outcome of this greatest of all Virginia murder trials.

No man knows what it will be. Greater uncertainty never clouded a verdict. Since the last day or two anything is possible. A thousand eager and puzzled men sit daily and stare at the twelve and ask over and over again the question, "What will they do—convict or acquit?" There is no answer. But one parallel offers itself for this sight. Daily the prisoner takes his place within the bar.

**Few Friends Left.**  
All around him are gathered men and women he once called his friends. Scarcely a hand is stretched to him now; scarcely a one has for him a kindly thought, much less a kindly word. Is he guilty? It is possible that this man, with his children clinging to his side, is stained with the blood of his own wife?

Here, again, the crowd sits and stares and debates the issue of the man's guilt; but here, again, there is no answer. The face tells nothing. One is as inscrutable as the other, the jury and the man. The evidence alone, speaks, and to the great throng it is sufficient, but the court—that is a different matter.

While the crowd sits thus in anticipation and the prisoner calmly awaits his fate, the mighty voices of the great lawyers are filling the court room and calling in the countryside for miles around.

### Two Big Speeches.

To-day two big speeches consumed the entire three sessions of the court, and such audiences as heard them have rarely been seen in Charlottesville before. Men clambered and fought for admittance, and frequently some woman or child joined in the melee, and, between hand and foot, the crowd pressed to the little room in which the court sat.

Morning, afternoon and night saw the same unweary crowd back again, each time augmented by others, until at the end there was no place for fully a third of them.

Among the auditors were a number of prominent people, including several professors of the University of Virginia, three or four ministers of the gospel, two or three judges of neighboring counties, and a cloud of attorneys hailing from many different places. Some of them had traveled long distances to be present during the argument of the famous case.

### A Strong Speech.

During the morning session Captain R. S. Ker, of Beaton, continued the argument for the prosecution in a great speech. He covered every phase of the case, from the viewpoint of the Commonwealth, and made a powerful arraignment of the accused for what he declared to be a brutal and terrible murder.

He strengthened a number of points already covered, and threw every new and then a new light upon some phase or the case not yet fully developed. Up to this moment Captain Ker had concentrated his attack upon the points of fact, and the points of law, and the points of evidence, and the points of procedure, and the points of the case.

No word of disappointment could be uttered. His argument, consuming a little over two hours, was one of the finest ever heard in any court. His summary was masterly; his plea eloquent and earnest.

Following a speech such as that of Captain Woods's, the effort of the Staunton man added a hundred weight to the contention of the Commonwealth, clearer than ever its case stronger, clearer than ever it was in all respects a magnificent exhibit.

**27 WANT HELP TO-DAY.**

The 27 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

6 Agents, 4 Salesmen,  
3 Office, 3 Drug Clerks,  
2 Trades, 4 Domestic,  
5 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.